

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 1, line 5, of Applicants' specification, before the section entitled "Background of the Invention":

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/428,870, entitled "Architecture for High Speed Class of Service Enabled Line Card," filed October 27, 1999, and naming Bruce Wilford and Yie-Fong Dan as inventors, incorporated by reference herein in its entirety and for all purposes.